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1. Secret Yalta and Tehran Agreements for Sale in Paris--The Paris Embassy reports that alleged secret agreements between the US and the USSR at Yalta and Tehran have been offered for sale in Paris by agents of "some Russians" in Switzerland, and that a French and a Swiss newspaper are considering their publication. Ambassador Caffery has secured some of these "agreements" (there are said to be eleven of them), about which he reports the following:

a. In one Tehran "agreement" the US promised to supply the USSR with a \$10 billion credit in return for a Soviet commitment to support our proposals for facilitating world trade, fair distribution of raw materials, and the regulation of international currency.

b. In one Yalta "agreement", allegedly signed by Hopkins and Molotov, the US recognized a Soviet claim of free access to the Mediterranean in return for a Soviet agreement (1) to recognize the absolute independence of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and (2) to renounce any agreements with those countries giving the Soviets a preferred position.

c. Another Yalta "agreement" covered the Soviet use of German prisoners and Soviet acquisition of German industrial machinery for reconstruction in the USSR.

In addition, the Embassy reports that these agents are also said to be offering (a) secret Soviet agreements with Syria and Lebanon and (b) a treaty between Iraq and Transjordan.

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2. GERMANY: Discontinuance of relief for displaced persons in US Zone--The War Department has authorized Gen. McNarney to announce by 1 March the discontinuance of relief by 1 July for all displaced persons in the US Zone in Germany. An exception will be made, however, for those persons who are unwilling to be repatriated because of possible persecution on the grounds of race, religion, etc. Those desiring repatriation will be moved out by 1 July.
3. TURKEY: USSR willing to wait for solution of Turkish "problem"--In conversation with the Turkish Acting Foreign Minister, as reported by Embassy Ankara, Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov has stated that "we waited a long time regarding the arrangement we wanted with Poland and finally got it; we can wait regarding Turkey." He said that for a reestablishment of friendly relations between the two countries, a solution of the USSR's claims regarding the eastern provinces of Turkey was important, but the question of the Straits was "vital". Asked what the Soviet requirements regarding the Straits were, Vinogradov replied that the USSR (a) must have an adequate guarantee (b) that the security of the Soviet Union will not be endangered, (c) that a sovereign and friendly Turkey at the Straits would not be adequate for the defense of the Straits, and (d) that Soviet use of bases in the Straits when the need arose would be essential.
4. YUGOSLAVIA: Anti-AMG propaganda in Venezia Giulia--Military authorities in Venezia Giulia report that Communist press attacks on the Allied Military Government are mounting, probably in an effort to obtain UNO examination of Allied actions in Venezia Giulia. The authorities also report reinforcements of Yugoslav troops in the Yugoslav zone of the province, apparently in order to apply pressure on the local population during the visit of the Council of Foreign Ministers' Commission.

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5. CHINA: US moves Chinese armies--CG, Chinese Theatre reports that five Chinese armies and 18,000 service troops are being moved north by him for occupation of Manchuria. In addition to moving this force, he is supplying them with 250,000 sets of US winter clothing.
6. FRENCH INDOCHINA: Proposed Sino-French agreement--The Chinese Foreign Office has informed Embassy Chungking that negotiations with France concerning Indochina are in the final stage. Principal provisions of the proposed agreement include: (a) withdrawal of Chinese troops, (b) upholding of prewar Chinese rights, (c) freedom of transportation on the Yunnan-Indochina Railway, and elimination of duties through Haiphong.

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